

**SOUTH PLAINFIELD BOROUGH  
BOROUGH COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES  
MAY 17, 2021 7:04 P.M.  
PUBLIC MEETING**

**\*Due to the COVID-19 outbreak, this meeting was also transmitted virtually via the Webex platform**

**CALL TO ORDER:** Mayor Anesh called the meeting to order at 7:04 p.m. Mayor Anesh read the sunshine statement and announced that same is being held pursuant to the Open Public Meetings Act of 1974 and all provisions of that Act have been met with adequate notice of this remote hybrid meeting having been provided to the Borough's two official newspapers and also published on the Borough's website. Instructions for accessing the remote public meeting are found on the Borough's website next to the agendas. Documentation pertaining to the remote meeting can be found electronically on the Borough's website.

The roll call was administered by Clerk Antonides as follows:

COUNCIL	Present	Absent	Late
Councilman Bengivenga	X		
Councilwoman Faustini	X		
Councilwoman Mott	X		
Councilman Smith	X		
Councilman Wolak	X		
Council President White	X		
Mayor Anesh	X		
<b>ALSO PRESENT</b>			
Administrator Cullen	X		
Clerk Antonides	X		
Attorney Paul Rizzo	X		
Engineer Miller	X		

**Flag Salute:** was led by Mayor Anesh and Councilwoman Mott led the invocation.

Mayor Anesh again reviewed some basic rules for conducting the hybrid virtual meeting this evening. All lines will be muted until such time that the floor is open for public comment. Each phone call or virtual hand raise will be taken one at a time. To unmute the microphone, just click on the red microphone picture that has a line through it. It will then turn green indicating you have been unmuted and may begin to speak. Callers may dial 1-646-922-2010 followed by the access code of 126 663 1990 #. Using the pound button will mute and unmute the voice feature for any phone callers.

**Public Comment:** Mayor Anesh opened the floor for public comment on agenda items only. Mayor Anesh awaited virtual hand raises; he then unmuted all microphones. With no comments from the public, Mayor Anesh closed the floor.

**Authorizing the Approval of Council Minutes:**

- May 3, 2021 – Agenda Meeting
- May 3, 2021 - Public Meeting
- May 3, 2021 – Executive Session

COUNCIL	MOTION	2 <sup>ND</sup>	AYES	NAYS	ABSTAIN	ABSENT	RECUSE
Councilman Bengivenga			X				
Councilwoman Faustini			X				
Councilwoman Mott			X				
Councilman Smith	x		X				
Councilman Wolak			X				
Council President White		x	X				
		<b>VOTE:</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>0</b>			
<b>Mayor Anesh – TIE ONLY</b>							

The below ordinance 2204 was and read by title by Clerk Antonides on the second reading. Mayor Anesh opened the floor for public comment and with no comments from the public closed the floor.

### **BOND ORDINANCE #2204**

BOND ORDINANCE PROVIDING FOR ROAD IMPROVEMENTS IN AND BY THE BOROUGH OF SOUTH PLAINFIELD, IN THE COUNTY OF MIDDLESEX, NEW JERSEY, APPROPRIATING \$1,029,000 THEREFOR AND AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE OF \$980,000 BONDS OR NOTES OF THE BOROUGH TO FINANCE PART OF THE COST THEREOF.

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE BOROUGH COUNCIL OF THE BOROUGH OF SOUTH PLAINFIELD, IN THE COUNTY OF MIDDLESEX, NEW JERSEY (not less than two-thirds of all members thereof affirmatively concurring) AS FOLLOWS:

Section 1. The improvement described in Section 3(a) of this bond ordinance is hereby authorized to be undertaken by the Borough of South Plainfield, in the County of Middlesex, New Jersey (the "Borough") as a general improvement. For the improvement or purpose described in Section 3(a), there is hereby appropriated the sum of \$1,029,000, including the sum of \$49,000 as the down payment required by the Local Bond Law. The down payment is now available by virtue of provision for down payment or for capital improvement purposes in one or more previously adopted budgets.

Section 2. In order to finance the cost of the improvement or purpose not covered by application of the down payment, negotiable bonds are hereby authorized to be issued in the principal amount of \$980,000 pursuant to the Local Bond Law. In anticipation of the issuance of the bonds, negotiable bond anticipation notes are hereby authorized to be issued pursuant to and within the limitations prescribed by the Local Bond Law.

Section 3. (a) The improvement hereby authorized and the purpose for the financing of which the bonds are to be issued is road improvements, including resurfacing and repair of roads and repairs and installation of storm sewers in and on various roads, all as referenced on the 2021 road list on file in the Office of the Clerk, which list is hereby approved and incorporated herein, and further including all work and materials necessary therefor and incidental thereto.

(b) The estimated maximum amount of bonds or bond anticipation notes to be issued for the improvement or purpose is as stated in Section 2 hereof.

(c) The estimated cost of the improvement or purpose is equal to the amount of the appropriation herein made therefor.

Section 4. All bond anticipation notes issued hereunder shall mature at such times as may be determined by the chief financial officer; provided that no bond anticipation note shall mature later than one year from its date, unless such bond anticipation notes are permitted to mature at such later date in accordance with applicable law. The bond anticipation notes shall bear interest at such rate or rates and be in such form as may be determined by the chief financial officer. The chief financial officer shall determine

all matters in connection with bond anticipation notes issued pursuant to this bond ordinance, and the chief financial officer's signature upon the bond anticipation notes shall be conclusive evidence as to all such determinations. All bond anticipation notes issued hereunder may be renewed from time to time subject to the provisions of the Local Bond Law or other applicable law. The chief financial officer is hereby authorized to sell part or all of the bond anticipation notes from time to time at public or private sale and to deliver them to the purchasers thereof upon receipt of payment of the purchase price plus accrued interest from their dates to the date of delivery thereof. The chief financial officer is directed to report in writing to the governing body at the meeting next succeeding the date when any sale or delivery of the bond anticipation notes pursuant to this bond ordinance is made. Such report must include the amount, the description, the interest rate and the maturity schedule of the bond anticipation notes sold, the price obtained and the name of the purchaser.

Section 5. The Borough hereby certifies that it has adopted a capital budget or a temporary capital budget, as applicable. The capital or temporary capital budget of the Borough is hereby amended to conform with the provisions of this bond ordinance to the extent of any inconsistency herewith. To the extent that the purposes authorized herein are inconsistent with the adopted capital or temporary capital budget, a revised capital or temporary capital budget has been filed with the Division of Local Government Services.

Section 6. The following additional matters are hereby determined, declared, recited and stated:

(a) The improvement or purpose described in Section 3(a) of this bond ordinance is not a current expense. It is an improvement or purpose that the Borough may lawfully undertake as a general improvement, and no part of the cost thereof has been or shall be specially assessed on property specially benefitted thereby.

(b) The period of usefulness of the improvement or purpose within the limitations of the Local Bond Law, according to the reasonable life thereof computed from the date of the bonds authorized by this bond ordinance, is 10 years.

(c) The Supplemental Debt Statement required by the Local Bond Law has been duly prepared and filed in the office of the Clerk, and a complete executed duplicate thereof has been filed in the office of the Director of the Division of Local Government Services in the Department of Community Affairs of the State of New Jersey. Such statement shows that the gross debt of the Borough as defined in the Local Bond Law is increased by the authorization of the bonds and notes provided in this bond ordinance by \$980,000, and the obligations authorized herein will be within all debt limitations prescribed by the Local Bond Law.

(d) An aggregate amount not exceeding \$215,000 for items of expense listed in and permitted under N.J.S.A. 40A:2-20 is included in the estimated cost indicated herein for the purpose or improvement.

Section 7. The Borough hereby declares the intent of the Borough to issue bonds or bond anticipation notes in the amount authorized in Section 2 of this bond ordinance and to use the proceeds to pay or reimburse expenditures for the costs of the purposes described in Section 3(a) of this bond ordinance. This Section 7 is a declaration of intent within the meaning and for purposes of the Treasury Regulations.

Section 8. Any grant moneys received for the purpose described in Section 3(a) hereof shall be applied either to direct payment of the cost of the improvement or to payment of the obligations issued pursuant to this bond ordinance. The amount of obligations authorized but not issued hereunder shall be reduced to the extent that such funds are so used.

Section 9. The chief financial officer of the Borough is hereby authorized to prepare and to update from time to time as necessary a financial disclosure document to be distributed in connection with the sale of obligations of the Borough and to execute such disclosure document on behalf of the Borough. The chief financial officer is further authorized to enter into the appropriate undertaking to provide secondary market disclosure on behalf of the Borough pursuant to Rule 15c2-12 of the Securities and Exchange Commission (the "Rule") for the benefit of holders and beneficial owners of obligations of the Borough and to amend such undertaking from time to time in connection with any change in law, or interpretation thereof, provided such undertaking is and continues to be, in the opinion of a nationally recognized bond counsel, consistent with the requirements of the Rule. In the event that the Borough fails to comply with its undertaking, the Borough shall not be liable for any monetary damages, and the remedy shall be limited to specific performance of the undertaking.

Section 10. The full faith and credit of the Borough are hereby pledged to the punctual payment of the principal of and the interest on the obligations authorized by this bond ordinance. The obligations shall be direct, unlimited obligations of the Borough, and the Borough shall be obligated to levy *ad valorem* taxes upon all the taxable real property within the Borough for the payment of the obligations and the interest thereon without limitation of rate or amount.

Section 11. This bond ordinance shall take effect 20 days after the first publication thereof after final adoption, as provided by the Local Bond Law.

COUNCIL	MOTION	2 <sup>ND</sup>	AYES	NAYS	ABSTAIN	ABSENT	RECUSE
Councilman Bengivenga	X		X				
Councilwoman Faustini			X				
Councilwoman Mott			X				
Councilman Smith		X	X				
Councilman Wolak			X				
Council President White			X				
		<b>VOTE:</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>0</b>			
<b>Mayor Anesh – TIE ONLY</b>							

**RESOLUTIONS**

**RESOLUTION 21-176  
AUTHORIZING A PERSON TO PERSON TRANSFER  
TO NICHOLAS LEMMO, FROM THE POLISH NATIONAL HOME INC.  
IN SOUTH PLAINFIELD TO BE IN POCKET STATUS**

**WHEREAS**, an application has been filed for a Person-to-Person Transfer of Plenary Retail Consumption License 1222-33-020-001 heretofore issued to the Polish National Home Inc. for premises located at 312 New Market Avenue in South Plainfield, New Jersey; and

**WHEREAS**, the submitted application form is complete in all respects, the transfer fees have been paid, and the license has been properly renewed for the current license term; and  
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**WHEREAS**, the applicant is qualified to be licensed according to all standards established by Title 33 of the New Jersey Statutes, regulations promulgated thereunder, as well as pertinent local ordinances and conditions consistent with Title 33; and

**WHEREAS**, the applicant has disclosed, and the issuing authority has reviewed the source of all funds used in the purchase of the license and the licensed business and all additional financing obtained in connection with the licensed business; and

**WHEREAS**, the applicant has advised that the license will be in an in-active (pocketed) status and will notify the South Plainfield Municipal Clerk’s office at such time that the applicant wishes to activate said license. The applicant must abide by all necessary requirements by the Division of ABC to activate said license, including location requirements within the Borough of South Plainfield in which the Governing Body is the authorizing authority to approve same by resolution.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the Borough Council of the Borough of South Plainfield does hereby approve effective May 17, 2021, the transfer of the aforesaid Plenary Retail Consumption License to Nicholas Lemmo and does hereby direct the Municipal Clerk to enforce the license certificate to the new ownership as follows: “This license, subject to all its terms and conditions, is hereby transferred to Nicholas Lemmo”.

COUNCIL	MOTION	2 <sup>ND</sup>	AYES	NAYS	ABSTAIN	ABSENT	RECUSE
Councilman Bengivenga		X	X				
Councilwoman Faustini			X				
Councilwoman Mott			X				
Councilman Smith			X				
Councilman Wolak			X				
Council President White	X		X				
		<b>VOTE:</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>0</b>			
<b>Mayor Anesh – TIE ONLY</b>							

**RESOLUTION 21-177  
ACCEPTING THE RESIGNATION OF STEVEN OEHLER FROM THE POSITION OF  
PART-TIME LEVEL I GROUNDS KEEPER**

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE GOVERNING BODY OF THE BOROUGH OF SOUTH PLAINFIELD, NEW JERSEY, THAT:

It hereby accepts the resignation of Steven Oehler from the position of part-time Level I Grounds Keeper effective May 12, 2021, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this resolution be forwarded to the following:

1. Amy Antonides, Municipal Clerk
2. Carmela Miller, Payroll
3. Anne Daley, Benefits
4. Alice Tempel, Environmentalist
5. Len Miller, DPW Superintendent

COUNCIL	MOTION	2 <sup>ND</sup>	AYES	NAYS	ABSTAIN	ABSENT	RECUSE
Councilman Bengivenga		X	X				
Councilwoman Faustini			X				
Councilwoman Mott			X				
Councilman Smith			X				
Councilman Wolak			X				
Council President White	X		X				
		<b>VOTE:</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>0</b>			
<b>Mayor Anesh – TIE ONLY</b>							

**RESOLUTION 21-178**

**AUTHORIZING CHANGE ORDER NO. 2 TO TOP LINE CONSTRUCTION IN ACCORDANCE WITH RESOLUTIONS 21-123 AND 21-172 TO INCREASE THE SCOPE OF THE PROJECT TO INCLUDE THE MILLING/REMOVAL/REPLACEMENT OF THE WALKWAY BETWEEN LEEDS DRIVE AND PLAINFIELD AVENUE RESULTING IN AN INCREASE TO THE CONTRACT AMOUNT BY \$11,755.00**

**BE IT RESOLVED**, by the Borough Council of the Borough of South Plainfield that it hereby authorizes the additional project scope of Improvements in accordance with Resolutions 21-123 and 21-172 to increase the scope of the project to now include the milling/removal/replacement of the walkway between Leeds Drive and Plainfield Avenue resulting in an increase to the contract amount by \$11,755.00. The improvements shall be installed in accordance with the contract unit prices and the original contract amount of \$359,154.50 which was increased by \$11,100.00 which reflects Change Order No. 1, to now increase it by another \$11,755.00 reflecting Change Order No. 2 for a new contract amount of \$382,009.50.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, by the Borough Council of the Borough of South Plainfield that a copy of this resolution be distributed to the following:

1. Glenn Cullen, CFO/BA
2. Amy Antonides, Clerk
3. Len Miller, Borough Engineer/Superintendent DPW
4. John Freeman, Najarian Associates
5. Top Line Construction

COUNCIL	MOTION	2 <sup>ND</sup>	AYES	NAYS	ABSTAIN	ABSENT	RECUSE
Councilman Bengivenga		X	X				
Councilwoman Faustini			X				
Councilwoman Mott			X				
Councilman Smith			X				
Councilman Wolak			X				
Council President White	X		X				
		<b>VOTE:</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>0</b>			
<b>Mayor Anesh – TIE ONLY</b>							

**RESOLUTION 21-179  
AUTHORIZING THE PART-TIME SUMMER HELP HIRING  
FOR THE DPW AT THE HOURLY RATE OF \$14.00**

**BE IT RESOLVED** by the Borough Council of the Borough of South Plainfield, County of Middlesex, in the State of New Jersey, that it hereby authorizes the Borough to hire on a part-time basis for the Summer the following individuals for the DPW, without benefits, at the hourly summer rate of \$14.00 pursuant to the salary ordinance for such:

1. Chis Born
2. Luke Bickunas
3. Cody O’Connor
4. Troy O’Connor
5. Nicholas DellaSala

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that a copy of this Resolution be forwarded to the following:

1. Glenn Cullen, CFO
2. Amy Antonides, Municipal Clerk
3. Carmela Miller, Payroll
4. Anne Daley, Benefits
5. Len Miller, DPW Superintendent

COUNCIL	MOTION	2 <sup>ND</sup>	AYES	NAYS	ABSTAIN	ABSENT	RECUSE
Councilman Bengivenga		x	X				
Councilwoman Faustini			X				
Councilwoman Mott			X				
Councilman Smith			X				
Councilman Wolak			X				
Council President White	x		X				
		<b>VOTE:</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>0</b>			
<b>Mayor Anesh – TIE ONLY</b>							

**RESOLUTION 21-180**  
**AUTHORIZING THE HIRING OF DANIEL McLEOD TO THE POSITION OF**  
**PART-TIME LEVEL I GROUNDS KEEPER**

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE GOVERNING BODY OF THE BOROUGH OF SOUTH PLAINFIELD, NEW JERSEY, THAT:

It hereby authorizes the hiring of Daniel McLeod to the position of part-time Level I Grounds Keeper at the hourly rate of \$13.50, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this resolution be forwarded to the following:

1. Amy Antonides, Municipal Clerk
2. Carmela Miller, Payroll
3. Anne Daley, Benefits
4. Alice Tempel, Environmentalist
5. Len Miller, DPW Superintendent

COUNCIL	MOTION	2 <sup>ND</sup>	AYES	NAYS	ABSTAIN	ABSENT	RECUSE
Councilman Bengivenga		x	X				
Councilwoman Faustini			X				
Councilwoman Mott			X				
Councilman Smith			X				
Councilman Wolak			X				
Council President White	x		X				
		<b>VOTE:</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>0</b>			
<b>Mayor Anesh – TIE ONLY</b>							

**RESOLUTION 21-181**

**AUTHORIZING THE REFUND OF A TAX OVERPAYMENT IN THE AMOUNT OF \$1850.82**  
**PERTAINING TO 101 ELIZABETHTOWN CT. IN SOUTH PLAINFIELD**

**WHEREAS**, the Tax Collector advises that the following taxpayers and/or their agents have overpaid their tax and have requested refunds:

**OWNER/ADDRESS**

**Block 137 Lot 34**

**Thomas Curtis and Bernadette Curtis  
\$1850.82**

**MAKE CHECK PAYABLE TO:**

**Thomas Curtis and Bernadette Curtis  
101 Elizabethtown Ct.  
South Plainfield, N.J. 07080**

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** by the Governing Body of the Borough of South Plainfield that the Chief Financial Officer is hereby authorized to issue a check(s) in the amount(s) as mentioned above.

COUNCIL	MOTION	2 <sup>ND</sup>	AYES	NAYS	ABSTAIN	ABSENT	RECUSE
Councilman Bengivenga		x	X				
Councilwoman Faustini			X				
Councilwoman Mott			X				
Councilman Smith			X				
Councilman Wolak			X				
Council President White	x		X				
		<b>VOTE:</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>0</b>			
<b>Mayor Anesh – TIE ONLY</b>							

**RESOLUTION 21-182**

**AUTHORIZING THE SOLE SOURCE PROVIDER SERVICES OF IDEMIA FOR SUPPORT AND MAINTENANCE FOR THE LIVESCAN FINGERPRINT MACHINE FOR THE POLICE DEPARTMENT IN AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$3,765.99**

**BE IT RESOLVED**, by the Borough Council of the Borough of South Plainfield that it hereby authorizes the sole source provider services of Idemia for support and maintenance for the live scan fingerprint machine for the Police Department in an amount not to exceed \$3,765.99; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that a copy of this Resolution be forwarded to the following:

1. Glenn Cullen, CFO
2. Amy Antonides, Municipal Clerk
3. Captain Papa, Police Department

COUNCIL	MOTION	2 <sup>ND</sup>	AYES	NAYS	ABSTAIN	ABSENT	RECUSE
Councilman Bengivenga		x	X				
Councilwoman Faustini			X				
Councilwoman Mott			X				
Councilman Smith			X				
Councilman Wolak			X				
Council President White	x		X				
		<b>VOTE:</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>0</b>			
<b>Mayor Anesh – TIE ONLY</b>							



**RESOLUTION 21-183**  
**AUTHORIZING A 2021 TEMPORARY BUDGET AMENDMENT**  
**OF \$973,820.00 IN THE CURRENT FUND**

**WHEREAS**, N.J.S.A. 40a:4-19 Local Budget Act provides that where any contracts, commitments or payments are to be made prior to the final adoption of the budget, temporary appropriations should be made for the purposes and amounts required in the manner and time therein provided, and

**WHEREAS**, the date of this resolution is prior to the adoption of the FY 2021 Budget, and

**WHEREAS**, the temporary budget set forth below does not exceed twenty-six and one quarter percent of the total appropriations in the previous year's budget (exclusive of any appropriations made for Debt Service, Capital Improvements Fund and Public Assistance).

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** by the Governing Body of the Borough of South Plainfield that the temporary appropriations are hereby amended to add the following amounts and that a certified copy of this resolution is transmitted to the Chief Financial Officer.

<b>CURRENT FUND</b>			<b>AMOUNT</b>
1-01-20-100-000-101	Administration	S&W	<b>10,000</b>
1-01-22-195-001-101	Code Enforcement	S&W	<b>10,000</b>
1-01-23-210-000-651	Other Insurance	O&E	<b>50,000</b>
1-01-23-220-000-621	Health Insurance	O&E	<b>300,000</b>
1-01-25-240-001-101	Police	S&W	<b>300,000</b>
1-01-25-240-001-225	Police	O&E	<b>5,000</b>
1-01-25-250-000-101	911	S&W	<b>100,000</b>
1-01-25-265-003-581	Fire Service Charges	O&E	<b>50,000</b>
1-01-26-290-002-101	Road Repairs & Maintenance	S&W	<b>15,000</b>
1-01-26-310-000-101	Public Buildings & Grounds	S&W	<b>10,000</b>
1-01-26-315-000-101	Vehicle Maintenance	S&W	<b>10,000</b>
1-01-28-370-001-101	Recreation	S&W	<b>10,000</b>
1-01-28-370-001-204	Recreation	O&E	<b>5,000</b>
1-01-31-420-001-555	Electric	O&E	<b>25,000</b>
1-01-31-435-002-555	Street Lights	O&E	<b>50,000</b>
1-01-31-440-001-541	Telephone	O&E	<b>5,000</b>
1-01-32-465-001-545	Landfill	O&E	<b>5,000</b>
1-01-41-718-000-301	Municipal Alliance	O&E	<b>8,820</b>
1-01-43-490-000-101	Court	S&W	<b>5,000</b>
<b>TOTAL CURRENT FUND</b>			<b>973,820</b>

<b>COUNCIL</b>	<b>MOTION</b>	<b>2<sup>ND</sup></b>	<b>AYES</b>	<b>NAYS</b>	<b>ABSTAIN</b>	<b>ABSENT</b>	<b>RECUSE</b>
<b>Councilman Bengivenga</b>		<b>x</b>	<b>X</b>				
<b>Councilwoman Faustini</b>			<b>X</b>				
<b>Councilwoman Mott</b>			<b>X</b>				
<b>Councilman Smith</b>			<b>X</b>				
<b>Councilman Wolak</b>			<b>X</b>				
<b>Council President White</b>	<b>x</b>		<b>X</b>				
		<b>VOTE:</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>0</b>			
<b>Mayor Anesh – TIE ONLY</b>							

**RESOLUTION 21-184**

**AUTHORIZING COMMUNITY POOL POLICES ASSOCIATED WITH REFUNDS, BOUNCED CHECKS AND CERTAIN MEMBERSHIPS**

**BE IT RESOLVED**, by the Borough Council of the Borough of South Plainfield that it hereby authorizes the following polices for the community pool as it relates to the following refunds, bounced checks and certain memberships:

1. Refunds: refunds for pool memberships will be honored, if the request is at least ten (10) days before the opening of the pool; made in writing to the attention of the Recreation Department Director. If there is a hardship and special consideration outside this policy is necessary, the request must be submitted in writing to the attention of the Social Services Director for evaluation.
2. Bounced Checks: any bounced check will result in additional fees being charged back to the applicant. The applicant will be charged the full bank charges plus a \$5.00 administrative fee. Additionally, follow-up payment from the registrant will be required to be paid in cash.
3. Volunteer EMS/Fire: Active volunteer members of the EMS and Fire Department who are South Plainfield residents are eligible for a free family pool membership. A roster from each department must be provided to the Recreation Department Director for the current season.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that a copy of this Resolution be forwarded to the following:

1. Glenn Cullen, CFO
2. Amy Antonides, Municipal Clerk
3. Elizabeth Yarus, Recreation Director

COUNCIL	MOTION	2 <sup>ND</sup>	AYES	NAYS	ABSTAIN	ABSENT	RECUSE
Councilman Bengivenga		x	X				
Councilwoman Faustini			X				
Councilwoman Mott			X				
Councilman Smith			X				
Councilman Wolak			X				
Council President White	x		X				
		<b>VOTE:</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>0</b>			
<b>Mayor Anesh – TIE ONLY</b>							

**RESOLUTION 21-185**  
**AUTHORIZING THE NJ STATE CONTRACT LEASE PURCHASE OF A COPY MACHINE FOR THE DPW FROM ATLANTIC TOMORROW IN AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$233.43 PER MONTH**

**BE IT RESOLVED**, by the Borough Council of the Borough of South Plainfield that it hereby authorizes a NJ State Contract (A40467) lease purchase of a copy machine for the DPW from Atlantic Tomorrow in an amount not to exceed \$233.43per month; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that a copy of this Resolution be forwarded to the following:

1. Glenn Cullen, CFO
2. Amy Antonides, Municipal Clerk
3. John Abbruzzese, IT Department

COUNCIL	MOTION	2 <sup>ND</sup>	AYES	NAYS	ABSTAIN	ABSENT	RECUSE
Councilman Bengivenga		x	X				
Councilwoman Faustini			X				
Councilwoman Mott			X				
Councilman Smith			X				
Councilman Wolak			X				
Council President White	x		X				
		<b>VOTE:</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>0</b>			
<b>Mayor Anesh – TIE ONLY</b>							

**RESOLUTION 21-186**  
**AUTHORIZING THE NJ STATE CONTRACT LEASE PURCHASE OF A COPY MACHINE FOR**  
**THE MUNICIPAL COURT**  
**FROM ATLANTIC TOMORROW IN AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED**  
**\$212.55 PER MONTH**

**BE IT RESOLVED**, by the Borough Council of the Borough of South Plainfield that it hereby authorizes a NJ State Contract (A40467) lease purchase of a copy machine for the Municipal Court from Atlantic Tomorrow in an amount not to exceed \$212.55per month; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that a copy of this Resolution be forwarded to the following:

1. Glenn Cullen, CFO
2. Amy Antonides, Municipal Clerk
3. John Abbruzzese, IT Department

COUNCIL	MOTION	2 <sup>ND</sup>	AYES	NAYS	ABSTAIN	ABSENT	RECUSE
Councilman Bengivenga		x	X				
Councilwoman Faustini			X				
Councilwoman Mott			X				
Councilman Smith			X				
Councilman Wolak			X				
Council President White	x		X				
		<b>VOTE:</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>0</b>			
<b>Mayor Anesh – TIE ONLY</b>							

**RESOLUTION 21-187**

**AUTHORIZING THE REFUND OF A SEWER OVERPAYMENT IN THE AMOUNT OF \$177.10**  
**PERTAINING TO 307 OAK TREE AVE. IN SOUTH PLAINFIELD**

**WHEREAS**, the Tax Collector advises that the following taxpayers and/or their agents have overpaid their sewer and have requested refunds:

**OWNER/ADDRESS**

**Block 249 Lot 67**  
**Joseph Papa and Martha Papa**  
**307 Oak Tree Ave**  
**South Plainfield, NJ 07080**  
**\$177.10**

**MAKE CHECK PAYABLE TO:**

**Joseph Papa and Martha Papa**

{A1298313.1 }

**307 Oak Tree Ave.  
South Plainfield, N.J. 07080**

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** by the Governing Body of the Borough of South Plainfield that the Chief Financial Officer is hereby authorized to issue a check(s) in the amount(s) as mentioned above.

COUNCIL	MOTION	2 <sup>ND</sup>	AYES	NAYS	ABSTAIN	ABSENT	RECUSE
Councilman Bengivenga		x	X				
Councilwoman Faustini			X				
Councilwoman Mott			X				
Councilman Smith			X				
Councilman Wolak			X				
Council President White	x		X				
		<b>VOTE:</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>0</b>			
<b>Mayor Anesh – TIE ONLY</b>							

**RESOLUTION 21-188**

**AMENDING RESOLUTION 21-169 THAT AUTHORIZED THE HIRING OF 2021 COMMUNITY POOL PERSONNEL TO NOW INCLUDE ADDITIONAL PERSONNEL**

**BE IT RESOLVED** by the Governing Body of the Borough of South Plainfield, New Jersey that at the recommendation of the Director of Recreation, authorization is hereby given for employing the following people for seasonal work at the South Plainfield Community Pool Utility at rates pursuant to the Salary Ordinance:

# Pool Employees 2021

Position	Last Name	First Name
<b>Swim Team - Head Coach</b>		
	Motani	Karim
<b>Swim Team - Asst. Coach</b>		
	Crisafulli	Hannah
	Arteaga	Marlon
<b>Swim Team - Part-Time Asst. Coach</b>		
	Tam	Kristy
<b>Head Manager</b>		
	Nickel	William
<b>Assistant Manager</b>		
	DeGraw	David
	Wahlers	Brendan
	Wahlers	Bridgette
<b>Lifeguard - Tier 1 (pending certification)</b>		

<del>Callanan</del>	<del>Maria</del>
Ng	Joshua
<del>Olane</del>	<del>Olivia</del>
Vitabile	Gabriella

### Lifeguard - Tier 2

Abdullah	Samar
Alktaish	Sidra
Cassio	Joseph (Joey)
Conti	Jessica
Cortes	Emily
Di Giorgio	Abigail
Geis	Madison
Glynn	Olivia
Jaramillo	Isaac
Kurilew	Michael
Lamberson	Ryan
Mackenzie	Jack
Mayta	Lesly
Mundy	Emily
Nazarko	Adrianna (Age)
Page	Dylan
Piña	Amanda
Schwarz	Allison
Walters	Keenan

### Lifeguard - Tier 3

Arieno	Isabella
Downes	Riley
Faustini	Dominic
Moffitt	Alyssa
Robertson	Nick
Shaw	Kristina
Strassburger	Maxwell
Walters	Imagen

### Pool Attendant (Non-Certified Staff)

Ardito	Olivia
Blouin	Kurtis
Dobrynio	Karly

Draper	Janya
Droge	Colin
Dunn	Jacob
Edmondson	Keegan
Fontana	Kim
Fuschetti	Julianna
Makoski	Cara
Masset	Jack
Ng	Joshua
Nguyen	Anthony
Nieradka	Kylie
Noel	Adrianna
Pfeiffer	Everette
Rachwal	Andrew
Romero	Jessica
Santamaria	Taylor
Strassburger	Samuel
Sutor	Heidi
Tivald	Madison
Zazzara	Dean

COUNCIL	MOTION	2 <sup>ND</sup>	AYES	NAYS	ABSTAIN	ABSENT	RECUSE
Councilman Bengivenga		x	X				
Councilwoman Faustini			X				
Councilwoman Mott			X				
Councilman Smith			X				
Councilman Wolak			X				
Council President White	x		X				
		<b>VOTE:</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>0</b>			
<b>Mayor Anesh – TIE ONLY</b>							

**RESOLUTION 21-189  
AUTHORIZING A 2021 TEMPORARY BUDGET AMENDMENT  
OF \$24,917.80 IN THE CURRENT FUND**

**WHEREAS**, N.J.S.A. 40a:4-19 Local Budget Act provides that where any contracts, commitments or payments are to be made prior to the final adoption of the budget, temporary appropriations should be made for the purposes and amounts required in the manner and time therein provided, and

**WHEREAS**, the date of this resolution is prior to the adoption of the FY 2021 Budget, and

**WHEREAS**, the temporary budget set forth below does not exceed twenty-six and one quarter percent of the total appropriations in the previous year’s budget (exclusive of any appropriations made for Debt Service, Capital Improvements Fund and Public Assistance).

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** by the Governing Body of the Borough of South Plainfield that the temporary appropriations are hereby amended to add the following amounts and that a certified copy of this resolution is transmitted to the Chief Financial Officer.

<b>CURRENT FUND</b>			<b>AMOUNT</b>
1-01-20-165-001-235	Engineering	O&E	<b>9,500.00</b>
1-01-21-180-001-221	Planning	O&E	<b>6,000.00</b>
1-01-21-185-000-221	Zoning	O&E	<b>6,000.00</b>
1-01-41-718-000-301	Municipal Alliance	O&E	<b>3,417.80</b>
<b>TOTAL CURRENT FUND</b>			<b>24,917.80</b>

<b>COUNCIL</b>	<b>MOTION</b>	<b>2<sup>ND</sup></b>	<b>AYES</b>	<b>NAYS</b>	<b>ABSTAIN</b>	<b>ABSENT</b>	<b>RECUSE</b>
Councilman Bengivenga		x	X				
Councilwoman Faustini			X				
Councilwoman Mott			X				
Councilman Smith			X				
Councilman Wolak			X				
Council President White	x		X				
		<b>VOTE:</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>0</b>			
<b>Mayor Anesh – TIE ONLY</b>							

**RESOLUTION 21-190**

**AUTHORIZING THE APPROVAL AND RENEWAL OF LIQUOR LICENSES FOR 2021 - 2022 AND AUTHORIZING THE MUNICIPAL CLERK TO ISSUE 2021-2022 LIQUOR LICENSES TO ALL LICENSEES THAT HAVE MET ALL STATE AND BOROUGH REQUIREMENTS AND HAVE PAID ALL APPROPRIATE FEES.**

**WHEREAS**, applications for renewal of Liquor Licenses for the year 2021-2022 have been submitted; and

**WHEREAS**, no objections to said renewals have been filed; and

**WHEREAS**, the proper Borough fees have been paid by all applicants and the renewal retail licensee tax clearance certificate has been issued.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** by the Governing Body of the Borough of the Borough of South Plainfield that the following licensees be granted renewals of their liquor licenses for the year commencing July 1, 2021 and expiring June 30, 2022:

<b>License #</b>	<b>Type</b>	<b>License Name</b>	<b>Trade Name</b>
1222-33-003-009	Plenary Retail Consumption	Crab Shack Acquisition	Joes Crab Shack/Brick House Tavern
1222-33-017-004	Plenary Retail Consumption	Giocerbone Inc.	Angelina's Tavern
1222-31-028-001	Club	So. Plainfield Columbian Club	(Knights of Columbus)
1222-31-023-001	Club	Italian American Progressive League	Italian American Progressive League
1222-31-022-002	Club	So. Plainfield BPOE of America	So. Plainfield Elks #2298

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the Municipal Clerk is authorized to issue 2021-2022 liquor licenses to the above-named licensees.

<b>COUNCIL</b>	<b>MOTION</b>	<b>2<sup>ND</sup></b>	<b>AYES</b>	<b>NAYS</b>	<b>ABSTAIN</b>	<b>ABSENT</b>	<b>RECUSE</b>
Councilman Bengivenga		x	X				
Councilwoman Faustini			X				
Councilwoman Mott			X				
Councilman Smith			X				
Councilman Wolak			X				
Council President White	x		X				
		<b>VOTE:</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>0</b>			
<b>Mayor Anesh – TIE ONLY</b>							

**CORRESPONDENCE**

- Board of Health Monthly Report – April 2021
- Traffic Safety Advisory Commission Minutes – March 14, 2021
- Environmental Commission Minutes – March 10, 2021

COUNCIL	MOTION	2 <sup>ND</sup>	AYES	NAYS	ABSTAIN	ABSENT	RECUSE
Councilman Bengivenga	X		X				
Councilwoman Faustini			X				
Councilwoman Mott		X	X				
Councilman Smith			X				
Councilman Wolak			X				
Council President White			X				
		<b>VOTE:</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>0</b>			
<b>Mayor Anesh – TIE ONLY</b>							

**PAYMENT OF BILLS**

Current Fund	0-01	4,507.55
Current Fund	1-01	282,622.48
Pool Utility	0-26	0.00
Pool Utility	1-26	375.00
Sewer Utility	0-07	0.00
Sewer Utility	1-07	644.00
Sewer Utility Capital	C-08	0.00
General Capital	C-04	16,851.67
Pool Capital	C-27	0.00
Election Account	E-18	0.00
Grant Fund	G-02	515.00
Dog Trust	T-12	76.80
Treasurers Trust	T-13	0.00
Recreation Trust	T-14	1,106.40
Senior Citizen Trust	T-16	0.00
<b>TOTAL ALL FUNDS</b>		<b>\$314,110.06</b>

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Councilman Bengivenga		x	X				
Councilwoman Faustini			X				
Councilwoman Mott			X				
Councilman Smith			X				
Councilman Wolak			X				
Council President White	x		X				
		<b>VOTE:</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>0</b>			
<b>Mayor Anesh – TIE ONLY</b>							



**DISCUSSION: Personnel-Senior Center Director** (*This matter was removed from closed session to be discussed in the open public portion of the Council meeting at the request of Tree Olano upon being served with a Rice Notice. The Rice Notice provides the employee with the option to hold their personnel matter in a closed session or an open public session*)

Mayor Anesh turned the floor over to Councilwoman Faustini who advised that Ms. Tree Olano had requested a meeting with herself and Administrator Cullen of which time she requested an increase in her salary to \$78,500.00. Upon further direction from that meeting, the matter was brought forth to the Recreation Committee, comprised of Council members (not the Commission) whereas Ms. Olano brought forth her salary request for an increase to \$78,500.00. Ms. Olano's salary history was reviewed. When she was appointed to her present position, she was at that time given a 40% increase in salary and since that time she has received two other subsequent increases, with the last in 2020. Councilwoman Faustini said without hesitation that Ms. Olano is very well liked, however in our current climate and with personnel, particularly in the Senior Center, who are still unemployed, combined with the economic challenges we are currently facing with this pandemic, a \$20,000.00 raise is just not something we can recommend right now. As such the majority of the committee recommends that we do not move the Senior Center Director's salary to \$78,500.00. Ms. Olano in the audience asked who was unemployed, and a member of the public responded. Ms. Olano said he just part-time.

Mayor Anesh asked if there are any proposed change of duties. Councilwoman Faustini said no. Mayor Anesh said before we move forward, he will give Ms. Olano the opportunity to address the Council if she wishes. Mayor Anesh asked Ms. Olano if she would like to come forward and she said yes.

Ms. Olano approached the podium and thanked the Council for their time saying she appreciates it. Ms. Olano said she is not sure where the 40% increase came from. Councilwoman Faustini advised that Mr. Cullen provided a report of her salary history to the Council whereas it reflects when she went from Recreation Leader to Director which was \$32,800.00 to \$46,000.00, which is a 40% increase. Councilwoman Faustini gave Ms. Olano a copy of the salary history report. Ms. Olano questioned if the other increases were stipends and not a promotion. Councilwoman Faustini confirmed this. Ms. Olano said for the past nine years she has dedicated herself to the Borough of South Plainfield and our community and feels her salary increase request should be looked at again. Ms. Olano said she provided comparisons of other Directors and feels her record stands for itself and wishes the Council would reconsider. Ms. Olano sat back down at this time.

Mayor Anesh clarified that the Recreation Committee decided against said salary increase. Mayor Anesh asked the Governing Body if they had any questions or comments.

Councilman Bengivenga said one of the things we are challenged with is the fact that we represent some 25,000 residents, comprised of seniors, children, etc. This past year the pandemic has effected so many of us especially when it comes to work, and when we look at the unemployment rate, including a member of the Senior Center who is still collecting unemployment, we have to take all that into consideration as well as the job that is currently being performed. In 2013 Ms. Olano was hired full-time, then in 2016 she was given a salary adjustment which was a 40% increase. Because Ms. Olano is a part of the Collective Bargaining Agreement (The Professional Managers Association) which is a five-year contract that does in fact negotiate these annual percent increases which was in addition to her 40% adjustment. We did try to take some of the grant fund monies and allocated them toward her salary. The grant fund monies were at one time a lot more than they are today. Right before the pandemic when Ms. Olano requested another increase, because there is a lot of County activity at the Senior Center, we gave her a stipend as well as meeting compensation which was an additional 12% on top of the annual increase. Just because it's a stipend it's still pensionable. Councilman Bengivenga said one thing he is concerned with, and maybe Ms. Olano can help clarify this, is that he wants to see apples to apples when doing a comparison but feels that is not the comparison presented to him by Ms. Olano. Ms. Olano provided us with a list of salaries from other towns that just don't match the salaries with what the state shows on Data Universe. For example, Ms. Olano shows South Brunswick with \$25,000 more than what the state shows. She shows East Brunswick making \$28,000 more than what the state shows. Ms. Olano said everything she gave was from Data Universe. Councilman Bengivenga said yes, he does have that information in front of him. Ms. Olano interjected from the audience asking if he wants to go back to 2013 when she came on board and wanted to go to full-time status when he and Derryck met with her saying because she would receive benefits, she would have to cut her pay. Your part-time Director was making \$22,000.00 and never set foot in the building. Councilman Bengivenga said, again, he is just asking where her numbers came from on her list because they do not match what is shown on Data Universe. Ms. Olano said that Data Universe is public knowledge.

Councilman Bengivenga said all he is asking is simply where the numbers she presented came from. Councilman Bengivenga said he has the Data Universe numbers in front of him and her numbers on her list do not match Data Universe. Councilman Bengivenga said regardless, she is seeking an 88% increase since 2013 and doesn't know anyone who has received that kind of increase. Ms. Olano said other Department Heads make more than what she makes. Councilman Bengivenga said Ms. Olano is presently at \$58,287.00 when North Brunswick is at \$60,000.00, Middlesex is at \$60,000.00, Cranford is at \$33,000.00. Ms. Olano said she finds it funny that he found those two. Councilman Bengivenga said he is quoting from the Data Universe numbers. Ms. Olano said there are like eight others you should look at as well. Councilman Bengivenga said every other year we get approached for salary adjustments and feels he has come to the realization that we have compensated Ms. Olano well. We have to take into consideration that yes, Ms. Olano was hired in 2013 and since then you are requesting an 88% increase. It's a significant increase especially in a time we are having during a pandemic. Councilman Bengivenga said he can't, especially with someone laid off in her department, justify this. Councilman Bengivenga said in his 15 years on Council he has never received calls from the public trying to strong arm him and lobby him into giving a raise to someone. Councilman Bengivenga concluded by saying she is a part of the Professional Managers Union and no one came up to him to advocate this during negotiations. The phone calls from the public he is getting that say he is shortchanging her is not appropriate. It is the job of the entire Governing Body to make decisions on behalf of all residents and he should not have personnel issues being directed at him by residents. It's never happened before in 15 years.

Mayor Anesh said there is a Professional Managers Union with a bargaining agreement that all managers sign. There has been no change in responsibilities, no change in hours. The building has been closed, yes there are some virtual events others perform due to the pandemic but he fails to see a reason for this increase. Mayor Anesh said Ms. Olano signed on, accepted a position and terms of hire at a certain salary. Everyone signed off on the Professional Managers bargaining agreement accepting their salary increases. Mayor Anesh went on to describe some differences between the public sector and the private sector. By changing salaries of these collective bargaining individuals, it will set a really bad precedent. Ms. Olano accepted a position, she collectively agreed to the terms of the collective bargaining agreement and her responsibilities have not changed. When comparing a police officer in this Borough to one in another town, their responsibilities may generally be the same, but their circumstances may very well be different. Mayor Anesh said that he has to agree with the Recreation Committee and doesn't see a driving factor to increase Ms. Olano's salary. Mayor Anesh said that doesn't mean we don't appreciate what Ms. Olano does, because we do.

Councilman Bengivenga said he has to represent other employees, and no one has received this type of significant increase. We are in a pandemic and people are losing their jobs. Councilwoman Faustini said she noticed some confused faces in the audience and explained we are looking at a salary history report and said if anyone wants to look at it, they can. Some members of the audience came forward and took a copy of it. Mayor Anesh said when we are looking for an increase in salary we look for an increase in responsibilities which is not happening here. We are not asking for this individual to do more either. Towns are different, budgets are different, size of the community are different, responsibilities for the same role could vary. We really don't know. So just by comparing what one makes in another town doesn't necessarily tell the whole story. There has to be something much more for this Governing Body to look at.

Mayor Anesh said in his 11 years as Mayor we have never held an executive session personnel matter out in public, but that is what Ms. Olano chose which is allowable in the law. Mayor Anesh asked if any other Council member wished to say something. Councilwoman Mott told Ms. Olano that we really do appreciate all that she does, though this is a unanimous decision to not recommend this increase; we can't begin to tell her how much we all appreciate her and we know the seniors love her. Ms. Olano from the audience said yup, thank you for listening. Councilman Smith commended Ms. Olano for the job she does for Borough residents and the seniors but has to defer to the Committee decision at this time and hopes she keeps doing what she is doing for our seniors and residents. Councilman Wolak echoed Councilman Smith saying Ms. Olano does a fantastic job and wishes we could give her what she is requesting but unfortunately with the Recreation Committee saying no, he does support that decision.

With no further council comments, Mayor Anesh opened the floor to the public advising that this is a "comment" session only and asked to keep the comments to a maximum of three-minutes or within reason.

Mr. Al Lepore of 3313 Clark Lane we are all behind Tree and appreciate what she's done for us. Mr. Lepore expressed he feels she's increased membership, so it appears she's working harder. Mayor Anesh said the point is her job has not

fundamentally changed. From our point of view there is nothing there to negotiate outside the collective bargaining agreement. On another note, Mr. Lepore said he hopes we can open the Senior Center soon.

Mayor Anesh pointed out that the Governor still has restrictions in place for indoor activities. We are looking into the Senior Center opening, but we are just not there yet. The seniors are the most vulnerable of our population and we will continue to take their well being into consideration and monitor the situation. We will not be the first to open nor will we go against what the Governor says. Councilman White said this is for the senior's protection and not a punishment. No other municipality has opened their senior center up yet. We are protecting you. Councilman Bengivenga pointed out that most municipalities are not even open yet to the public. Councilman Bengivenga said that he does feel strongly that the seniors need it open and expressed how important that socialization aspect is for our mental health, but opening it up will take a lot of caution.

Debbie Boyle of Van Fleet said that Ms. Olano does a tremendous job with virtual activities, and drive-bys and feel she goes above and beyond.

Ms. Patti Taber said she noticed that restaurants are packed, and patrons are not wearing masks when eating, people are sitting close together and would love to see the Senior Center open soon. Ms. Olano does a fantastic job pointing out that on the first pool event for the seniors Ms. Olano figured out a way to compensate for the instructor who called out.

Mayor Anesh said he can't say exactly when it will open but feels it will be soon, when we are comfortable as more and more of the state opens and we know our seniors will be safe.

Joanne O'Sullivan said she doesn't consider herself lobbying for Ms. Olano. Councilman Bengivenga said he did not receive a call from Ms. O'Sullivan therefore he doesn't consider her having lobbied. Ms. O'Sullivan said Ms. Olano is a kind caring person.

Councilman Smith encouraged everyone to come to meetings when union salaries are discussed.

Mr. Frank Lemos said he doubles all the kind words about Ms. Olano and went on to try to compare other Borough official salaries to Ms. Olano and started to make a discrimination accusation. Mr. Rizzo Esq. said he will advise the Council to not entertain discussion regarding potential legal matters. Mayor Anesh also clarified that in this executive session discussion we are not legally allowed to discuss other borough employees' salaries. It is strictly regarding Ms. Olano.

At this point there was no further comments or discussion. Mayor Anesh closed the floor from further public comments.

## **COUNCIL REPORTS:**

Borough Attorney Paul Rizzo – reported progress.

Administrator Cullen – explained bond ordinance #2204. The membership for the pool is steady and as of right now 345 seniors have registered for the pool. We are about two weeks from opening and so far, everything is on schedule for Memorial Day weekend. We are waiting for a light to be put up right now in the pool parking lot.

Engineer Miller – provided an update with the capital projects. The basketball baskets have been installed; the courts have been paved. The paving project on Camden and Elizabeth, PSE&G are winding down. The plans for Durham Avenue have been completed and sent into the DOT. When their review is done, we can go out to bid. We are waiting for final approval with DOT for the Metuchen Road project. Once approved we will also go out to bid for that.

Clerk Antonides – reported progress.

Councilwoman Mott – reported progress.

Councilman Smith – thanked our Health Department, John Obryk and Amy Antonides for all the work they did in putting the rabies clinic together. Councilman Smith also thanked the Environmental Commission and inspector Wolfe for the job he's doing with the passing of the bamboo ordinance. Councilman Smith concluded by thanking the Police, Fire and EMS for keeping us all safe.

Councilman Bengivenga – reminded everyone with Memorial Day coming to remember all those who gave the ultimate sacrifice. Spend the day in remembrance and honor. Councilman Bengivenga congratulated his brother-in-law’s business, Boss Hog BBQ for ranking in the top 13 out of 32 in all of New Jersey.

Councilman Wolak – reported progress.

Councilwoman Faustini – thanked Ms. Olano for doing such a tremendous job and thanked everyone for coming out. The pool will be opening Memorial Day weekend. ID cards are being done and an email went out to everyone who sign-up in this regard. There is still time to sign-up for the swim team. Swim lessons will be forthcoming as well as buddy ball. Councilwoman Faustini said she was contacted by residents who wanted to do something memorializing all the lives lost due to Covid-19. Girl Scout Troop 65042 on Arbor Day planted a weeping cherry tree behind the Library at the Willow Park entrance marking it with a small memorial plaque. Around the same time another resident, Kristy Lowrie is looking to assist the Borough to mark a place for reflection in honor of those lives taken too soon. It was decided that at Putnam Park a small teardrop shaped granite stone will be placed. Please check out and join on social media the South Plainfield Covid-19 memorial. Donations are accepted by check or credit card at the Recreation Department.

Council President White – advised there will be a ribbon cutting this Saturday for Fego Lentil, Mexican Restaurant. The car show will also be taking place this weekend from 2pm to 4pm. Councilman White concluded by saying the decision tonight regarding Ms. Olano is not a reflection of the job she’s doing, and we all do appreciate her.

Mayor Anesh – provided an update on the Covid-19 numbers. For the first time since January 23<sup>rd</sup> there are zero new cases reported today. South Plainfield has had 67 deaths to date. The three-day average for cases is 2. Middlesex County did report another 42 new cases today which brings there total to 90,081 with 2 deaths today. Mayor Anesh concluded by acknowledging EMS Week thanking the South Plainfield EMS for all they do.

#### **COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC:**

Mayor Anesh opened the floor for public comment reiterating the aforementioned remote directions for making remote public comment.

Debbie Boyle of Van Fleet gave a history on shared services between the school and the borough.

Joanne O’Sullivan inquired about the work PSE&G is doing. Both Mr. Miller and Councilman Bengivenga explained.

Without further comment from the public, Mayor Anesh closed the floor from the public.

#### **ADJOURNMENT**

Without further comment and no more action necessary for this evening Mayor Anesh called for a motion to adjourn. Councilman Smith made a motion to adjourn at 8:23 p.m., seconded by Council President White and unanimously carried. The meeting was adjourned.

Submitted By:

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Amy Antonides, RMC/CMC/CMR  
Municipal Clerk